



To: Real Estate Department Partners  
From: Real Estate Department  
Date: April 20, 2016  
Re: **2016 Capacity Building Courses**

Notice: **RED-16-22**

Indiana thrives when its neighborhoods, cities, towns and regions are strong. Building capacity around a community's existing leadership and assets is the foundation for a sustainable and healthy community. The [Office of Community and Rural Affairs](#) (OCRA), [Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority](#) (IHCDA), and [High Performance Government Network](#) (HPGN) have collaborated to create a curriculum of courses to help build capacity in Indiana's hometowns.

The courses are designed for all Indiana community leaders, which includes but is not limited to: grant administrators, economic development offices, community foundations, etc. If you want to help your community grow and thrive in the 21st century, then these educational opportunities are for you.

The courses will provide community development basics, tools, case studies and best practices to enhance the skills of local leadership.

**About the Courses:**

**Friday, April 22, 2016** **10:00 am – 12:30 pm**

**Course 110:** [Identifying Community Strengths and Weaknesses](#)

Identifying Community Strengths and Weaknesses is focused on answering the question: How can we attract people to our community? Participants will learn how to engage stakeholders in the evaluation process.

**Friday, June 17, 2016** **10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Course 120:** [Building Local Capacity for Planning and Action](#)

This module will focus on how to develop a vision for the future of a community. Participants will learn how to profile community assets, opportunities & challenges while incorporating the dreams & expectations of stakeholders.



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**Thursday, July 7, 2016**                      **10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Course 130:** [Coalition Building/Building Partnerships](#)

This module will emphasize the comprehensive nature of revitalization & the need to develop strong and lasting partnerships. Participants will learn about effective partnership structures.

**Friday, August 5, 2016**                      **10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Course 140:** [How to Seek and Implement Public Feedback](#)

This module will cover effective techniques that can be used to solicit public input in a way that yields the best results. Participants will learn how to encourage active involvement of residents & stakeholders.

**Thursday, September 6, 2016**                      **10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Course 150:** [Strategies for Leveraging Public and Private Funds](#)

This module is designed to help leaders address the challenges of financing community development activities & improve the health & welfare of their communities.

**Thursday, October 20, 2016**                      **10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Course 160:** [Fundamentals of Project Management](#)

This module will provide participants with tools to effectively manage projects, including techniques to review development project requests, as well as to engage nonprofits in the development process.

For more information on the courses and registration information please contact: <https://secure.in.gov/ocra/2784.htm> or Carmen Lethig at [clethig@ihcda.in.gov](mailto:clethig@ihcda.in.gov).